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PRESIDENT SHEEHY: FA6 is adopted. The call is raised. We'll move back to open discussion on LB 175. No lights on. Senator Jensen, do you wish to close?

SENATOR JENSEN: I'd just ask for the adoption and to move to Select File LB 175.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: The question before the body, shall LB 175 advance? All those in favor vote yea; opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 175.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. LB 175 advances. Next bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 176, by Senator Jensen. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 7, referred to Health and Human Services, advanced to General File. At this time, I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Jensen, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. LB 176 is a reintroduction of LB 996, as amended by the Health and Human Services Committee and advanced to General File last year; one of those bills that didn't make it to the end. The bill relates to the use of automatic external defibrillators, referred to as AEDs. The bill was originally brought to me by the American Heart Association, for the purpose of expanding the availability of AEDs as much as possible. Current law permits only two classes of people to use an AED, and provides them with immunity from civil liability... (laugh) civil liability for such use. One is the credentialed health-care professionals; and two, persons who are appropriately trained in using AED and who maintain and test the AED according to manufacturer's guidelines. LB 176 permits anyone to use an AED to render emergency care or treatment, and exempts such persons from civil lib..liability--having trouble with that word today--if that